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## Friends,

Last night, tragedy struck Raleigh – five people, including an off-duty police officer, were killed and multiple others were injured in the shooting. This is a sad day for North Carolina. I ask that you join Jo and me in praying for the victims, their families, and our brave law enforcement officers and first responders.

**READ:** [A shooting spree, an hours-long search and a neighborhood on edge: 5 killed, two injured in east Raleigh](#)

## Prices Continue Rising

When I talk to people throughout the 9th district, one of the most common things I hear is just how expensive everything is now, from groceries to gas to clothing. However, Democrats in Washington refuse to acknowledge this economic crisis and continue making things worse.

**READ:** [Worsening inflation will pressure Fed to keep raising rates](#)

After two years of Democrats' reckless spending and inflationary policies, Americans are feeling the financial pain of these decisions. Thursday's inflation report showed what Americans already know to be true – that prices are on the rise and show no signs of slowing down. This month saw the highest reported increase in inflation since 1982, yet Biden's Treasury Secretary [Janet Yellen insists that the U.S. economy is "doing very well."](#)

Groceries, gas, heating, and travel costs are all through the roof, and many are being forced to [spend excess savings](#).

**TWEET:** [It's not transitory, it's Biden's economic destruction.](#)

The Washington Swamp is telling you not to believe your lying eyes or your empty wallet. It's clear though that these policies are making the economic pain worse. I will

stand against business as usual here in Washington and will oppose any further reckless spending bills.

### **FBI Used Taxpayer Money to Fabricate Allegations**

Another week, another bombshell story about FBI corruption. According to testimony from FBI analyst Brian Auten, the FBI offered \$1 million to authenticate the infamous Steele Dossier's allegations. This testimony comes after numerous whistleblowers came forward to expose corrupt practices within the FBI.

Brian Auten's testimony only confirms many Americans' suspicions. The FBI clearly knew that the Steele Dossier was fake, but the Swamp put its obsession with taking down President Trump over the truth. One thing is clear, Republicans must do everything in our power to rein in the FBI's ever-increasing corruption and partisan attacks.

**READ:** [FBI Offered Christopher Steele \\$1M For Evidence Backing Up Dossier Claims About Trump: FBI Analyst](#)

### **Visiting Law Enforcement**

This week, I had the privilege to visit with officers and staff from both Union County and Cabarrus County Sheriff's Offices.

On Tuesday, I joined the Union County Sheriff Eddie Cathey for the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Senior Appreciation Day and help recognize the incredible contributions from seniors in our communities.

**TWEET:** [Senior Appreciation Day](#)



I also met with the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office for a roundtable where we discussed a number of critical issues facing law enforcement that come before us in the Judiciary Committee including illegal immigration, drugs, and violent crime.

**TWEET:** [Cabarrus County First Responders Roundtable](#)

Now, more than ever, it is crucial that we stand with our brave law enforcement officers and first responders, especially as nearly every city in North Carolina has experienced a drastic increase in crime, including [Asheville](#), [Greensboro](#), and [Charlotte](#). Soft-on-crime and defund the police policies simply do not work, and our law enforcement officers bear the brunt of these reckless ideas.

As your representative, I will never turn my back on our men and women in uniform.



### **Passing of Lumbee Elder Evert Locklear**

Please join Jo and me in praying for the family and loved ones of Mr. Evert Locklear. Mr. Locklear was one of the oldest known members of the Lumbee Tribe and passed away this week at 103. He was an esteemed member of the community, a World War Two veteran, a man of faith, and family man.

“The love of God, it covers a multitude of sins,” Locklear said. “I don’t care how deep you get in sin, God can lift you up out of it because he’s God. Nothing takes the place of living in a Christian home and in the family of God.” – Evert Locklear

**READ:** [Lumbee Tribe's oldest member dies at 103 years old](#)

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